

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, January 15, 2013**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris
Sue Sabo, Acting County Administrator
Sharon Ferris (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the business meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

The tour of the St. Mary's County Emergency Operations Center was postponed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve the minutes of December 18, 2012. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Jones abstained.**
- 2. Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve the minutes of January 8, 2013, as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Jarboe abstained.**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for January 22 and 29, 2013.

2. Circuit Court (*Karen H. Abrams, Administrative Judge; William Tench, Court Administrator*)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and accept the Courthouse Security grant award from the Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts on behalf of the Circuit Court in the amount of \$9,000, for installation of protective glass partitions and doors, and to proceed with the project at the full original scope of work as presented in the project application; and to execute the related budget amendment authorizing grant budget authority in the Building Maintenance and Repairs Project PF1308. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Department of Recreation and Parks (*Brian Loewe, Director; Jessica Hale, Recreation Division Manager*)

Commissioner Morris asked that installation of sensors be researched.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize the realignment of funding within the Recreation Facilities and Park Improvements, Project RP0903, to allow the purchase and installation of a security camera system and conversion of the kiddie pool to a picnic area instead of the previously programmed shade structure. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Department of Public Works and Transportation (*George Erichsen, Director*)

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and sign the Resolution accepting Heritage Court, County Route 31603; Fairwood Court, County Route 31604; Hunting Court, County Route 31605; Redmar Place, County Route 31606; Baywood Place, County Route 31607; Marwood Court, County Route 31608, Huntmar Drive, County Route 31609, located in the Leonardtown Farm Subdivision, 3rd Election District, into the County's Highway Maintenance System, and an Ordinance posting a 25-mph speed limit and stop signs. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events this past week and items of personal interest.

PRESENTATION BY THE CLEAN CHESAPEAKE COALITION

Present: Charles (Chip) McLeod, Funk and Bolton, PA
The Honorable Paul Smith, County Commissioner for Frederick County

The Clean Chesapeake Coalition, currently representing seven Maryland counties, believes the state and federal government's Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) approach to improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay has serious omissions and is much too costly for the counties to implement. They feel there are alternative methods that are more cost-effective to achieve the same goal. The Coalition has three main objectives: (1) to bring attention to the issue of sediment flowing downstream from the Conowingo Dam on the Susquehanna River and to try to intervene during the relicensing of the Dam to add requirements that measures must be taken to stop the amount of sediment flowing from the Dam before the license is granted; (2) to prepare supplemental information to be incorporated in counties' WIP submissions that addresses the Dam, sediment issues and the need for more natural filtering systems in the bay; and (3) to elevate the debate of alternative methods to clean the Bay.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Russell adjourned the Board of County Commissioners meeting at 12:30 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)